

providing vital information about extremists of every type;

Whereas the American Jewish Committee has strengthened the culture of the United States in historic ways through programs that teach tolerance, such as America's Table, through far-reaching dialogues with ethnic and religious group in the country, through promoting interfaith awareness and playing a key role in the issuance of Nostra Aetate, and through steadfast support of vulnerable individuals throughout history;

Whereas the American Jewish Committee, the first American Jewish organization to establish a full-time office in Israel, has worked tirelessly to tell the extraordinary story of Israel through a range of endeavors, including Project Interchange, which has brought more than 3,000 American leaders to the Jewish state for journeys of discovery and understanding;

Whereas the American Jewish Committee, through its network of offices and associations in the United States and across the globe, works with many countries, the United Nations, and other international bodies to promote democratic ideals and to protect and uplift Jewish communities everywhere;

Whereas the American Jewish Committee, through advocacy and education, indefatigably defends and protects the treasured civic values of the United States, including religious freedom, and support for public education and the family;

Whereas the American Jewish Committee sponsored research cited in the landmark Supreme Court case banning segregation, *Brown et al. v. Board of Education of Topeka et al.*, and played a vital role in the civil rights movement, stood with Soviet Jewry and all prisoners of conscience in the Soviet Union, argued successfully for the inclusion of human rights clauses in the United Nations Charter, and insisted upon an acceptance of women's rights as a human rights issue; and

Whereas the American Jewish Committee, at work both on the world stage and here at home, for a century has had a proud and profoundly beneficial presence throughout the communities of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That—

(1) the American Jewish Committee, by choosing hope, inspires everyone in the United States as it continues its work into its second century of service; and

(2) the Senate salutes, commends, and congratulates the American Jewish Committee for its century of leadership.

SENATE RESOLUTION 445—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE IN COMMEMORATING HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

Mr. SANTORUM (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ENSIGN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. ALLEN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. FRIST, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. BURNS, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. TALENT, and Mr. SUNUNU) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

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Whereas the Holocaust involved the systematic persecution and genocide of millions of innocent Jewish men, women, and children, along with millions of others, by the Nazis under the leadership of Adolf Hitler;

Whereas an estimated 6,000,000 Jews and many others were killed in the Holocaust;

Whereas millions of survivors of the Holocaust endured enormous suffering through violence, torture, slave labor, and involuntary medical experimentation;

Whereas in the 61 years since the end of the Holocaust, this tragic event has helped to teach the people of the world awareness of the danger of hatred, anti-Semitism, bigotry, and racism, and the importance of compassion and understanding diversity;

Whereas Holocaust Remembrance Day is held every year in remembrance of the Holocaust and its millions of victims: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commemorates Holocaust Remembrance Day, which falls on April 25, 2006;

(2) remembers the 6,000,000 Jews and many others who were killed by the Nazis, and honors the millions of survivors of the Holocaust; and

(3) encourages all Americans to commemorate the occasion through reflection, acts of compassion, and education about the horrific consequences of anti-Semitism, bigotry, racism and hatred.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 3591. Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. REED) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3592. Mr. REED submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3593. Ms. LANDRIEU submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 4939, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3594. Mr. GREGG (for himself, Mr. FRIST, Mr. BYRD, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mr. SUNUNU) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 4939, supra.

SA 3595. Mr. MARTINEZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3596. Mr. MARTINEZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3597. Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. CHAFEE, and Mr. ALLEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3598. Mr. MENENDEZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, supra.

SA 3599. Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. REED, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. DODD, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BAYH, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. DURBIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3600. Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. ENSIGN, and Mrs. MURRAY) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 4939, supra.

SA 3601. Mr. INOUE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3602. Mr. INOUE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3603. Mr. INOUE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3604. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 4939, supra.

SA 3605. Mr. LOTT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3606. Mr. SMITH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3607. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3608. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3609. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3610. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3611. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 3591. Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. REED) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 126, between lines 12 and 13, insert the following:

REPORTS TO CONGRESS ON A NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT AND AMENDING THE IRAQ CONSTITUTION TO MAKE IT A UNIFYING DOCUMENT

SEC. 1406. (a) **REPORTS REQUIRED.**—In furtherance of the findings and sense of Congress set forth in Senate Joint Resolution 34, as introduced in the Senate on April 25, 2006, the President shall, not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act and every 30 days thereafter until a national unity government has been formed in Iraq and the Iraq Constitution has been amended in a manner that makes it a unifying document, submit to Congress a report on United States policy and political developments in Iraq.

(b) **ELEMENTS.**—Each report shall include the following information:

(1) Whether the Administration has told the Iraqi political, religious and tribal leaders that agreement by the Iraqis on a government of national unity, and subsequent agreement to amendments to the Iraq Constitution to make it more inclusive, within the 30-day and 4-month deadlines that the Iraqis set for themselves in their Constitution, is a condition for the continued presence of United States military forces in Iraq.

(2) The progress that has been made in the formation of a national unity government and the obstacles, if any, that remain.

(3) The progress that has been made in the amendment of the Iraq Constitution to make it more of a unifying document and the obstacles, if any, that remain.

SA 3592. Mr. REED submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by

him to the bill H.R. 4939, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 162, between lines 12 and 13, insert the following:

FOX POINT HURRICANE BARRIER

For an additional amount for the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, for use in upgrading the electro-mechanical control system of the Fox Point hurricane barrier in Providence, Rhode Island, \$1,055,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That the amount provided under this heading is designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 402 of H. Con. Res. 95 (109th Congress).

SA 3593. Ms. LANDRIEU submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 4939, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title II, add the following:

CHAPTER 9

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

SEC. 2901. (a) GRANT PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration, shall award grants to public hospitals, nonprofit entities, and medicare and medicaid enrolled suppliers and institutional providers to reimburse such hospitals, entities, suppliers, and providers for health care related expenses or lost revenues directly attributable to the public health emergency resulting from the damage and devastation caused by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in the Gulf Coast region if such expenses or lost revenues have not otherwise been reimbursed or are eligible for reimbursement from other sources. Grant amounts awarded under this section shall be available until expended.

(b) APPROPRIATION.—There is authorized to be appropriated and there is appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$100,000,000 to carry out this section.

SA 3594. Mr. GREGG (for himself, Mr. FRIST, Mr. BYRD, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mr. SUNUNU) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 4939, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

TITLE —BORDER SECURITY

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR BORDER SECURITY

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY AND EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT

For an additional amount for the “Office of the Secretary and Executive Management” to provide funds for the Office of Policy, \$2,000,000: *Provided*, That the entire amount is solely for a contract with an independent non-Federal entity to conduct a needs assessment for comprehensive border security: *Provided further*, That the entire amount is designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 402 of H. Con. Res. 95 (109th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

For an additional amount for the “Office of the Chief Information Officer” to replace and upgrade law enforcement communications, \$50,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That the entire amount is designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 402 of H. Con. Res. 95 (109th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006.

UNITED STATES VISITOR AND IMMIGRATION STATUS INDICATOR TECHNOLOGY

For an additional amount for “United States Visitor and Immigration Status Indicator Technology” to accelerate biometric database integration and conversion to 10-print enrollment, \$60,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That none of the additional appropriations made available under this heading may be obligated until the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives receive and approve a plan for the expenditure of such funds: *Provided further*, That the entire amount is designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 402 of H. Con. Res. 95 (109th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006.

CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For an additional amount for “Salaries and Expenses”, \$180,000,000, of which \$80,000,000 is for border patrol vehicle replacement and \$100,000,000 is for sensor and surveillance technology: *Provided*, That none of the additional appropriations made available under this heading may be obligated until the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives receive and approve a plan for expenditure of these funds: *Provided further*, That the entire amount is designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 402 of H. Con. Res. 95 (109th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006.

AIR AND MARINE INTERDICTION, OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE, AND PROCUREMENT

For an additional amount for “Air and Marine Interdiction, Operations, Maintenance, and Procurement” to replace air assets and upgrade air operations facilities, \$790,000,000, to remain available until expended, of which \$40,000,000 is for helicopter replacement and \$750,000,000 is for recapitalization of air assets: *Provided*, That none of the additional appropriations made available under this heading may be obligated until the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives receive and approve an expenditure plan for the complete recapitalization of Customs and Border Protection air assets and facilities: *Provided further*, That the entire amount is designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 402 of H. Con. Res. 95 (109th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006.

CONSTRUCTION

For an additional amount for “Construction”, \$120,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That none of the additional appropriations made available under this heading may be obligated until the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives receive and approve a plan for expenditure for these funds: *Provided further*, That the entire amount is designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 402 of H. Con. Res. 95 (109th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006.

IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For an additional amount for “Salaries and Expenses” to replace vehicles,

\$80,000,000: *Provided*, That the entire amount is designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 402 of H. Con. Res. 95 (109th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006.

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS

For an additional amount for “Acquisition, Construction, and Improvements” for acquisition, construction, renovation, and improvement of vessels, aircraft, and equipment, \$600,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That the entire amount is designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 402 of H. Con. Res. 95 (109th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006.

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER

ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENTS, AND RELATED EXPENSES

For an additional amount for “Acquisition, Construction, Improvements, and Related Expenses” for construction of the language training facility referenced in the Master Plan and information technology infrastructure improvements, \$18,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That the entire amount is designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 402 of H. Con. Res. 95 (109th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006.

GENERAL PROVISIONS—THIS TITLE

REDUCTION IN FUNDING

SEC. ____ (a) REDUCTION.—Except as provided in subsection (b), the aggregate amount provided by chapter 3 of title I of this Act and chapter 3 of title II of this Act may not exceed \$68,962,188,000.

(b) INAPPLICABILITY TO AMOUNTS FOR MILITARY CONSTRUCTION.—Subsection (a) does not apply to amounts provided by chapter 3 of title I of this Act and chapter 3 of title II of this Act for military construction.

SA 3595. Mr. MARTINEZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 117, between lines 9 and 10, insert the following:

RE-EQUIPPING OF 53RD INFANTRY BRIGADE TEAM UPON ITS RETURN FROM DEPLOYMENT IN AFGHANISTAN

SEC. 1312. Of the amount appropriated or otherwise made available by this chapter under the heading “OTHER PROCUREMENT, ARMY”, \$59,300,000 shall be available for the re-equipment of the 53rd Infantry Brigade team upon its return from deployment in Afghanistan, of which—

(1) \$15,000,000 shall be for PVS-7B night vision devices;

(2) \$44,000,000 shall be for Heavy HMMWV variants and FMTV light and medium cargo trucks; and

(3) \$300,000 shall be for M-4 rifles.

SA 3596. Mr. MARTINEZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 117, between lines 9 and 10, insert the following:

PRIORITY IN FUNDING FOR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT FOR THE NATIONAL GUARD FOR STATES LIKELY TO BE EFFECTED BY 2006 HURRICANE SEASON

SEC. 1312. In allocating amounts appropriated or otherwise made available by this chapter under the heading "OTHER PROCUREMENT, ARMY" for the procurement of replacement equipment for the National Guard, the Secretary of Defense shall afford a priority in the allocation of such funds to the States likely to experience a hurricane during the 2006 hurricane season.

SA 3597. Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. CHAFEE, and Mr. ALLEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 90, between lines 10 and 11, insert the following:

SEC. 1202. DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND USAID AUTHORITIES.

(a) WAIVER OF ANNUITY LIMITATIONS ON REEMPLOYED FOREIGN SERVICE ANNUITANTS.—Section 824(g) of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4064(g)) is amended to read as follows:

"(g)(1) The Secretary of State may waive the application of subsections (a) through (d) on a case-by-case basis for an annuitant reemployed on a temporary basis, or grant authority to the head of an Executive agency to waive the application of subsections (a) through (d) on a case-by-case basis for an annuitant reemployed on a temporary basis—

"(A) if, and for so long as, such waiver is necessary due to an emergency involving a direct threat to life or property or other unusual circumstances; or

"(B) if the annuitant is employed in a position for which there is exceptional difficulty in recruiting or retaining a qualified employee.

"(2) The authority of the Secretary to waive the application of subsections (a) through (d) for an annuitant pursuant to subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1), or to grant authority to the head of an Executive agency to waive the application of such subsections to an annuitant under subparagraphs (A) or (B) of such paragraph, shall terminate on October 1, 2008. An annuitant reemployed pursuant to such authority prior to such termination date may be employed for a period ending not later than one year after such date.

"(3) The Secretary should prescribe procedures for the exercise of any authority under paragraph (1), including criteria for any exercise of authority and procedures for a delegation of authority."

(b) WAIVER OF ANNUITY LIMITATIONS ON REEMPLOYED CIVIL SERVICE ANNUITANTS.—

(1) DEPARTMENT OF STATE.—Title I of the Department of State Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2651a et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

"SEC. 61. REEMPLOYMENT OF ANNUITANTS UNDER THE CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND FEDERAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

"(a) AUTHORITY.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State may waive the application of the provisions of section 8344 or 8468 of title 5, United States Code, on a case-by-case basis for employment of an annuitant in a position in the Department of State for which there is exceptional difficulty in recruiting or retaining a qualified employee, or when a temporary emergency hiring need exists.

"(2) TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.—The authority of the Secretary under paragraph (1) shall terminate on October 1, 2008. An annuitant reemployed pursuant to such authority prior to such termination date may be employed for a period ending not later than one year after such date.

"(b) PROCEDURES.—The Secretary should prescribe procedures for the exercise of any authority under subsection (a), including criteria for any exercise of authority and procedures for a delegation of authority.

"(c) ANNUITANTS NOT TREATED AS EMPLOYEES FOR PURPOSES OF RETIREMENT BENEFITS.—An employee for whom a waiver under this section is in effect shall not be considered an employee for purposes of subchapter III of chapter 83, or chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code."

(2) UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.—Section 625 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2385) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(j)(1)(A) The Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development may waive the application of the provisions of section 8344 or 8468 of title 5, United States Code, on a case-by-case basis for employment of an annuitant in a position in the United States Agency for International Development for which there is exceptional difficulty in recruiting or retaining a qualified employee, or when a temporary emergency hiring need exists.

"(B) The authority of the Administrator under subparagraph (A) shall terminate on October 1, 2008. An annuitant reemployed pursuant to such authority prior to such termination date may be employed for a period ending not later than one year after such date.

"(2) The Administrator should prescribe procedures for the exercise of any authority under this subsection, including criteria for any exercise of authority and procedures for a delegation of authority.

"(3) An employee for whom a waiver under this section is in effect shall not be considered an employee for purposes of subchapter III of chapter 83, or chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code."

(c) REPORT ON USE OF ANNUITY LIMITATION WAIVER AUTHORITY.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit to the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on International Relations and the Committee on Government Reform of the House of Representatives a report on the exercise of the waiver authorities provided under section 824(g) of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4064(g)), as amended by subsection (a), section 61 of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956, as added by subsection (b)(1), and section 625(j) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as added by subsection (b)(2). The report shall include the number and type of positions that have been filled under such waiver authority, and the retirement date, former job title, and new job title of each annuitant reemployed under such authority.

(d) HOME LEAVE PROVISIONS.—

(1) TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR REST AND RECOVERY TRAVEL.—Section 901(6) of the Foreign Service Act (22 U.S.C. 4081(6)) is amended by striking "unbroken by home leave" each place it appears.

(2) AUTHORITY TO REQUIRE LEAVES OF ABSENCE.—Section 903(a) of the Foreign Service Act (22 U.S.C. 4083) is amended by striking "18 months" and inserting "12 months".

(e) AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE ACCOMMODATION AND SUBSISTENCE TO INDIVIDUALS SERVING IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN.—The Secretary of

State may provide during any fiscal year, with or without reimbursement, accommodation and subsistence to personnel in Iraq and Afghanistan for whom the Chief of Mission is responsible.

SA 3598. Mr. MENENDEZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 253, between lines 19 and 20, insert the following:

**TITLE VIII—HIGHWAY FUEL TAX HOLIDAY
SEC. 8001. HIGHWAY FUEL TAX HOLIDAY.**

(a) TEMPORARY ELIMINATION OF HIGHWAY FUEL TAXES ON GASOLINE, DIESEL FUEL, AND KEROSENE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 4081 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to imposition of tax on gasoline, diesel fuel, and kerosene) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(f) TEMPORARY REDUCTION IN TAXES ON GASOLINE, DIESEL FUEL, AND KEROSENE.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—During the applicable period, each rate of tax referred to in paragraph (2) shall be reduced to zero cents per gallon.

"(2) RATES OF TAX.—The rates of tax referred to in this paragraph are the rates of tax otherwise applicable under—

"(A) clauses (i) and (iii) of subsection (a)(2)(A) (relating to gasoline, diesel fuel, and kerosene), determined with regard to subsection (a)(2)(B) and without regard to subsection (a)(2)(C), and

"(B) paragraph (1) of section 4041(a) (relating to diesel fuel and kerosene) with respect to fuel sold for use or used in a diesel-powered highway vehicle.

"(3) APPLICABLE PERIOD.—For purposes of this subsection, the term 'applicable period' means the 60-day period beginning with the day after the date of the enactment of this subsection.

"(4) MAINTENANCE OF TRUST FUND DEPOSITS.—In determining the amounts to be appropriated to the Highway Trust Fund under section 9503 and to the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund under 9508, an amount equal to the reduction in revenues to the Treasury by reason of this subsection shall be treated as taxes received in the Treasury under this section or section 4041."

(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this subsection shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act.

(b) FLOOR STOCK REFUNDS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—If—

(A) before the tax reduction date, tax has been imposed under section 4081 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 on any liquid, and

(B) on such date such liquid is held by a dealer and has not been used and is intended for sale, there shall be credited or refunded (without interest) to the person who paid such tax (hereafter in this subsection referred to as the "taxpayer") an amount equal to the excess of the tax paid by the taxpayer over the amount of such tax which would be imposed on such liquid had the taxable event occurred on the tax reduction date.

(2) TIME FOR FILING CLAIMS.—No credit or refund shall be allowed or made under this subsection unless—

(A) claim therefor is filed with the Secretary of the Treasury before the date which is 6 months after the tax reduction date, and

(B) in any case where liquid is held by a dealer (other than the taxpayer) on the tax reduction date—

(i) the dealer submits a request for refund or credit to the taxpayer before the date

which is 3 months after the tax reduction date, and

(ii) the taxpayer has repaid or agreed to repay the amount so claimed to such dealer or has obtained the written consent of such dealer to the allowance of the credit or the making of the refund.

(3) **DEFINITIONS.**—For purposes of this subsection—

(A) the terms “dealer” and “held by a dealer” have the respective meanings given to such terms by section 6412 of such Code; except that the term “dealer” includes a producer, and

(B) the term “tax reduction date” means the day after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(4) **CERTAIN RULES TO APPLY.**—Rules similar to the rules of subsections (b) and (c) of section 6412 of such Code shall apply for purposes of this subsection.

(c) **FLOOR STOCKS TAX.**—

(1) **IMPOSITION OF TAX.**—In the case of any liquid on which tax would have been imposed under section 4081 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 during the applicable period but for the amendments made by subsection (a), and which is held on the floor stocks tax date by any person, there is hereby imposed a floor stocks tax in an amount equal to the tax which would be imposed on such liquid had the taxable event occurred on the floor stocks tax date.

(2) **LIABILITY FOR TAX AND METHOD OF PAYMENT.**—

(A) **LIABILITY FOR TAX.**—A person holding a liquid on the floor stocks tax date to which the tax imposed by paragraph (1) applies shall be liable for such tax.

(B) **METHOD OF PAYMENT.**—The tax imposed by paragraph (1) shall be paid in such manner as the Secretary shall prescribe.

(C) **TIME FOR PAYMENT.**—The tax imposed by paragraph (1) shall be paid on or before the date which is 6 months after the floor stocks tax date.

(3) **DEFINITIONS.**—For purposes of this subsection—

(A) **HELD BY A PERSON.**—A liquid shall be considered as “held by a person” if title thereto has passed to such person (whether or not delivery to the person has been made).

(B) **GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL.**—The terms “gasoline” and “diesel fuel” have the respective meanings given such terms by section 4083 of such Code.

(C) **FLOOR STOCKS TAX DATE.**—The term “floor stocks tax date” means the day after the date determined by the Secretary under section 4081(f)(3) of such Code.

(D) **APPLICABLE PERIOD.**—The term “applicable period” means the period described in section 4081(f)(3) of such Code.

(E) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Treasury or the Secretary’s delegate.

(4) **EXCEPTION FOR EXEMPT USES.**—The tax imposed by paragraph (1) shall not apply to gasoline, diesel fuel, or kerosene held by any person exclusively for any use to the extent a credit or refund of the tax imposed by section 4081 of such Code is allowable for such use.

(5) **EXCEPTION FOR FUEL HELD IN VEHICLE TANK.**—No tax shall be imposed by paragraph (1) on gasoline, diesel fuel, or kerosene held in the tank of a motor vehicle.

(6) **EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN AMOUNTS OF FUEL.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—No tax shall be imposed by paragraph (1)—

(i) on gasoline (other than aviation gasoline) held on the floor stocks tax date by any person if the aggregate amount of gasoline held by such person on such date does not exceed 4,000 gallons, and

(ii) on diesel fuel or kerosene held on such date by any person if the aggregate amount

of diesel fuel or kerosene held by such person on such date does not exceed 2,000 gallons.

The preceding sentence shall apply only if such person submits to the Secretary (at the time and in the manner required by the Secretary) such information as the Secretary shall require for purposes of this subparagraph.

(B) **EXEMPT FUEL.**—For purposes of subparagraph (A), there shall not be taken into account fuel held by any person which is exempt from the tax imposed by paragraph (1) by reason of paragraph (4) or (5).

(C) **CONTROLLED GROUPS.**—For purposes of this paragraph—

(i) **CORPORATIONS.**—

(I) **IN GENERAL.**—All persons treated as a controlled group shall be treated as 1 person.

(II) **CONTROLLED GROUP.**—The term “controlled group” has the meaning given to such term by subsection (a) of section 1563 of such Code; except that for such purposes the phrase “more than 50 percent” shall be substituted for the phrase “at least 80 percent” each place it appears in such subsection.

(ii) **NONINCORPORATED PERSONS UNDER COMMON CONTROL.**—Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary, principles similar to the principles of clause (i) shall apply to a group of persons under common control where 1 or more of such persons is not a corporation.

(7) **OTHER LAW APPLICABLE.**—All provisions of law, including penalties, applicable with respect to the taxes imposed by section 4081 of such Code shall, insofar as applicable and not inconsistent with the provisions of this paragraph, apply with respect to the floor stocks taxes imposed by paragraph (1) to the same extent as if such taxes were imposed by such section 4081.

(d) **BENEFITS OF TAX REDUCTION SHOULD BE PASSED ON TO CONSUMERS.**—

(1) **PASSTHROUGH TO CONSUMERS.**—

(A) **SENSE OF CONGRESS.**—It is the sense of Congress that—

(i) consumers immediately receive the benefit of the reduction in taxes under this section, and

(ii) transportation motor fuels producers and other dealers take such actions as necessary to reduce transportation motor fuels prices to reflect such reduction, including immediate credits to customer accounts representing tax refunds allowed as credits against excise tax deposit payments under the floor stocks refund provisions of this section.

(B) **STUDY.**—

(i) **IN GENERAL.**—The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a study of the reduction of taxes under this section to determine whether there has been a pass-through of such reduction.

(ii) **REPORT.**—Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall report to the Committee on Finance of the Senate and the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives the results of the study conducted under clause (i).

SEC. 8002. ELIMINATION OF CERTAIN PRODUCTION INCENTIVES.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Sections 342, 344, 345, 346, 353, and 383 and subtitle J of title IX of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and section 107(k) of the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act of 1976 (as added by section 347 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005) are repealed.

(b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The repeals made by subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of the enactment of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

SEC. 8003. REVALUATION OF LIFO INVENTORIES OF LARGE INTEGRATED OIL COMPANIES.

(a) **GENERAL RULE.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if a taxpayer is an ap-

plicable integrated oil company for its last taxable year ending in calendar year 2005, the taxpayer shall—

(1) increase, effective as of the close of such taxable year, the value of each historic LIFO layer of inventories of crude oil, natural gas, or any other petroleum product (within the meaning of section 4611) by the layer adjustment amount, and

(2) decrease its cost of goods sold for such taxable year by the aggregate amount of the increases under paragraph (1).

If the aggregate amount of the increases under paragraph (1) exceed the taxpayer’s cost of goods sold for such taxable year, the taxpayer’s gross income for such taxable year shall be increased by the amount of such excess.

(b) **LAYER ADJUSTMENT AMOUNT.**—For purposes of this section—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The term “layer adjustment amount” means, with respect to any historic LIFO layer, the product of—

(A) \$18.75, and

(B) the number of barrels of crude oil (or in the case of natural gas or other petroleum products, the number of barrel-of-oil equivalents) represented by the layer.

(2) **BARREL-OF-OIL EQUIVALENT.**—The term “barrel-of-oil equivalent” has the meaning given such term by section 29(d)(5) (as in effect before its redesignation by the Energy Tax Incentives Act of 2005).

(c) **APPLICATION OF REQUIREMENT.**—

(1) **NO CHANGE IN METHOD OF ACCOUNTING.**—Any adjustment required by this section shall not be treated as a change in method of accounting.

(2) **UNDERPAYMENTS OF ESTIMATED TAX.**—No addition to the tax shall be made under section 6655 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to failure by corporation to pay estimated tax) with respect to any underpayment of an installment required to be paid with respect to the taxable year described in subsection (a) to the extent such underpayment was created or increased by this section.

(d) **APPLICABLE INTEGRATED OIL COMPANY.**—For purposes of this section, the term “applicable integrated oil company” means an integrated oil company (as defined in section 291(b)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) which has an average daily worldwide production of crude oil of at least 500,000 barrels for the taxable year and which had gross receipts in excess of \$1,000,000,000 for its last taxable year ending during calendar year 2005. For purposes of this subsection all persons treated as a single employer under subsections (a) and (b) of section 52 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 shall be treated as 1 person and, in the case of a short taxable year, the rule under section 448(c)(3)(B) shall apply.

SEC. 8004. ELIMINATION OF AMORTIZATION OF GEOLOGICAL AND GEOPHYSICAL EXPENDITURES FOR MAJOR INTEGRATED OIL COMPANIES.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 167(h) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(5) **NONAPPLICATION TO MAJOR INTEGRATED OIL COMPANIES.**—This subsection shall not apply with respect to any expenses paid or incurred for any taxable year by any integrated oil company (as defined in section 291(b)(4)) which has an average daily worldwide production of crude oil of at least 500,000 barrels for such taxable year.”.

(b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by this section shall take effect as if included in the amendment made by section 1329(a) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

SEC. 8005. MODIFICATIONS OF FOREIGN TAX CREDIT RULES APPLICABLE TO LARGE INTEGRATED OIL COMPANIES WHICH ARE DUAL CAPACITY TAXPAYERS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 901 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to credit for taxes of foreign countries and of possessions of the United States) is amended by redesignating subsection (m) as subsection (n) and by inserting after subsection (l) the following new subsection:

“(m) SPECIAL RULES RELATING TO LARGE INTEGRATED OIL COMPANIES WHICH ARE DUAL CAPACITY TAXPAYERS.—

“(1) GENERAL RULE.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, any amount paid or accrued by a dual capacity taxpayer which is a large integrated oil company to a foreign country or possession of the United States for any period shall not be considered a tax—

“(A) if, for such period, the foreign country or possession does not impose a generally applicable income tax, or

“(B) to the extent such amount exceeds the amount (determined in accordance with regulations) which—

“(i) is paid by such dual capacity taxpayer pursuant to the generally applicable income tax imposed by the country or possession, or

“(ii) would be paid if the generally applicable income tax imposed by the country or possession were applicable to such dual capacity taxpayer.

Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to imply the proper treatment of any such amount not in excess of the amount determined under subparagraph (B).

“(2) DUAL CAPACITY TAXPAYER.—For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘dual capacity taxpayer’ means, with respect to any foreign country or possession of the United States, a person who—

“(A) is subject to a levy of such country or possession, and

“(B) receives (or will receive) directly or indirectly a specific economic benefit (as determined in accordance with regulations) from such country or possession.

“(3) GENERALLY APPLICABLE INCOME TAX.—For purposes of this subsection—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘generally applicable income tax’ means an income tax (or a series of income taxes) which is generally imposed under the laws of a foreign country or possession on income derived from the conduct of a trade or business within such country or possession.

“(B) EXCEPTIONS.—Such term shall not include a tax unless it has substantial application, by its terms and in practice, to—

“(i) persons who are not dual capacity taxpayers, and

“(ii) persons who are citizens or residents of the foreign country or possession.

“(4) LARGE INTEGRATED OIL COMPANY.—For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘large integrated oil company’ means, with respect to any taxable year, an integrated oil company (as defined in section 291(b)(4)) which—

“(A) had gross receipts in excess of \$1,000,000,000 for such taxable year, and

“(B) has an average daily worldwide production of crude oil of at least 500,000 barrels for such taxable year.”

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to taxes paid or accrued in taxable years beginning after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(2) CONTRARY TREATY OBLIGATIONS UPHOLD.—The amendments made by this section shall not apply to the extent contrary to any treaty obligation of the United States.

SA 3599. Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. REED, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. DODD, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BAYH, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. DURBIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 117, between lines 9 and 10, insert the following:

SEC. 1312. (a) The amount appropriated by this chapter under the heading “OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, DEFENSE-WIDE” and available for Cooperative Threat Reduction is increased by \$8,000,000.

(b) Of the amount appropriated by this chapter under the heading “OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, DEFENSE-WIDE” and available for Cooperative Threat Reduction, as increased by subsection (a), \$44,500,000 shall be deposited in the Former Soviet Union Threat Reduction Account and shall remain available until September 30, 2008.

(c) The amount made available under subsection (a) is designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 402 of H. Con. Res. 95 (109th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006.

SA 3600. Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. ENSIGN, and Mrs. MURRAY) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 4939, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end of page 248, line 22, insert the following:

SEC. . None of the funds appropriated in Public Law 109-149 under the heading Employment and Training Administration shall be used to pay the compensation of an individual, either as direct costs or any proration as an indirect cost, at a rate in excess of Executive Level II. Where Employment and Training Administration funds appropriated in Public Law 109-149 are used for compensation of an individual, the total federal funding that may go to compensation of that individual shall not exceed a rate in excess of Executive Level II. States may establish a lower limit of total compensation for those receiving compensation from Employment and Training Administration funding employed in that state, taking into account factors including the relative cost-of-living in the state, the compensation levels for comparable state or local government employees, and the size of the organizations that administer federal programs involved including Employment and Training Administration programs.

SA 3601. Mr. INOUE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 253, between lines 19 and 20, insert the following:

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

SEC. 7032. For an additional amount for “Environmental Programs and Management”, \$1,000,000, to remain available until expended, for assistance relating to assessments and monitoring of waters in the State of Hawaii; *Provided*, That the amount pro-

vided under this heading is designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 402 of H. Con. Res. 95 (109th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006.

SA 3602. Mr. INOUE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 225, beginning on line 2 strike “eligible to” and all that follows through line 5 and insert “eligible to obtain a loan under section 156(a) of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 7272(a)).”

SA 3603. Mr. INOUE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 246, line 1, strike “\$500,000” and insert “\$1,400,000”.

On page 246, line 3, insert “in the State of Hawaii” after “dams”.

SA 3604. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 4939, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; as follows:

TITLE —BORDER SECURITY
EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR BORDER SECURITY

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY AND EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT

For an additional amount for the “Office of the Secretary and Executive Management” to provide funds for the Office of Policy, \$2,000,000: *Provided*, That the entire amount is solely for a contract with an independent non-Federal entity to conduct a needs assessment for comprehensive border security: *Provided further*, That the entire amount is designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 402 of H. Con. Res. 95 (109th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

For an additional amount for the “Office of the Chief Information Officer” to replace and upgrade law enforcement communications, \$50,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That the entire amount is designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 402 of H. Con. Res. 95 (109th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006.

UNITED STATES VISITOR AND IMMIGRATION STATUS INDICATOR TECHNOLOGY

For an additional amount for “United States Visitor and Immigration Status Indicator Technology” to accelerate biometric database integration and conversion to 10-print enrollment, \$60,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That none of the additional appropriations made available under this heading may be obligated until the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives receive and approve a plan for the expenditure of such funds: *Provided further*, That the entire amount is designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 402 of H. Con. Res. 95 (109th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006.

CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION
SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For an additional amount for "Salaries and Expenses", \$180,000,000, of which \$80,000,000 is for border patrol vehicle replacement and \$100,000,000 is for sensor and surveillance technology: *Provided*, That none of the additional appropriations made available under this heading may be obligated until the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives receive and approve a plan for expenditure of these funds: *Provided further*, That the entire amount is designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 402 of H. Con. Res. 95 (109th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006.

AIR AND MARINE INTERDICTION, OPERATIONS,
MAINTENANCE, AND PROCUREMENT

For an additional amount for "Air and Marine Interdiction, Operations, Maintenance, and Procurement" to replace air assets and upgrade air operations facilities, \$790,000,000, to remain available until expended, of which \$40,000,000 is for helicopter replacement and \$750,000,000 is for recapitalization of air assets: *Provided*, That none of the additional appropriations made available under this heading may be obligated until the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives receive and approve an expenditure plan for the complete recapitalization of Customs and Border Protection air assets and facilities: *Provided further*, That the entire amount is designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 402 of H. Con. Res. 95 (109th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006.

CONSTRUCTION

For an additional amount for "Construction", \$120,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That none of the additional appropriations made available under this heading may be obligated until the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives receive and approve a plan for expenditure for these funds: *Provided further*, That the entire amount is designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 402 of H. Con. Res. 95 (109th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006.

IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT
SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For an additional amount for "Salaries and Expenses" to replace vehicles, \$80,000,000: *Provided*, That the entire amount is designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 402 of H. Con. Res. 95 (109th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006.

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND
IMPROVEMENTS

For an additional amount for "Acquisition, Construction, and Improvements" for acquisition, construction, renovation, and improvement of vessels, aircraft, and equipment, \$600,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That the entire amount is designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 402 of H. Con. Res. 95 (109th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006.

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING
CENTER

ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENTS,
AND RELATED EXPENSES

For an additional amount for "Acquisition, Construction, Improvements, and Related Expenses" for construction of the language training facility referenced in the Master Plan and information technology infrastruc-

ture improvements, \$18,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That the entire amount is designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 402 of H. Con. Res. 95 (109th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006.

SA 3605. Mr. LOTT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 193, line 25, insert after "*Provided*," the following: "That the Navy, acting through the Naval Facilities Engineering Command, shall be the agent for all matters with regard to the planning, design, construction, and contract administration related to the construction of the new Armed Forces Retirement Home: *Provided further*,".

SA 3606. Mr. SMITH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 172, lines 15 through 17, strike "for necessary expenses" and all that follows through "\$20,000,000" and insert the following: "\$543,081,496, of which \$523,081,496 shall be made available to make safety net payments for fiscal year 2007 under section 101 of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-393; 16 U.S.C. 500 note), to remain available until expended, and \$20,000,000 shall be made available for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes of the 2005 season".

SA 3607. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 196, strike line 18 and all that follows through page 197, line 16.

SA 3608. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 157, strike line 4 and all that follows through page 158, line 17.

SA 3609. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, add the following: Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available in title II, chapter 2 of this Act, for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration under the heading "Operations, Research, and Facilities" may be available for the National Marine Fisheries Service to implement seafood promotion strategies, and the amount made

available under such heading is reduced by \$15,000,000.

SA 3610. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, add the following: Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available in title II, chapter 2 of this Act, for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration under the heading "Operations, Research, and Facilities" may be available for the National Marine Fisheries Service for oyster bed and shrimp ground rehabilitation, and the amount made available under such heading is reduced by \$100,000,000.

SA 3611. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, add the following: Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, Sec. 7030(a) of this Act shall not take effect.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL
RESOURCES

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will be held on Monday, May 1, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony regarding the economic and environmental issues associated with coal gasification technology and on implementation of the provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 addressing coal gasification.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please contact John Peschke 202-224-4797 or Shannon Ewan at 202-224-7555.

AUTHORITIES FOR COMMITTEES
TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN
AFFAIRS

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 25, 2006, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing on "A Review of Current Securities Issues."